

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 535

By Barnes

A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize Rachel Balthrop, 2009
Valedictorian of Cheatham County High School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to pay tribute to those students who, through their natural talents and unflagging commitment to academic excellence, have distinguished themselves in the classroom; and

WHEREAS, Rachel Balthrop is one such exceptional student who was recently named Valedictorian of the 2009 graduating class at Cheatham County High School; and

WHEREAS, through diligent study, steady composure during examinations, and steadfast commitment of time and talent, Rachel has achieved outstanding academic success and has joined the ranks of the best and brightest students in Tennessee and our country; and

WHEREAS, in her remarkable high school career, Ms. Balthrop has earned an exemplary grade point average and has demonstrated outstanding leadership while participating in a number of scholastic and civic organizations including Beta Club, Fellowship of Christian Athletes, and Pep Club; and

WHEREAS, recognized for her athletic prowess while participating in tennis and basketball for Cheatham County High School, she was named All-District in doubles tennis and she was named as captain of the basketball team; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades for her many achievements, she was the honored recipient of the Princeton Book Award and the WQSV Award twice, and she was also named as a Junior Homecoming Attendant; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's display of intellectual aptitude and ambition surely bodes well for her future success; and

WHEREAS, her noteworthy achievement is a tremendous source of pride for her parents, Tim and Kerri Balthrop, her school, and her community; and

WHEREAS, Rachel's dedication to excellence is clearly deserving of the respect, admiration, and commendation of this legislative body; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend and honor the 2009 Cheatham County High School Valedictorian, Rachel Balthrop, on her impressive academic achievement and extend to her our best wishes for a happy, successful future.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.